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Re: Application of Takehiro MIWA, Koji NISHIZAWA, Yoshie HAYASHI, Manabu WATANABE, Yuichi MURAYAMA, Miyako YOSHIOKA and Katsuhito MIURA  
METHOD FOR DIGESTING PROTEINS HIGHLY RESISTANT TO DENATURATION AND DEGRADATION  
**Assignee: MEIJI SEIKA KAISHA, LTD.**  
Our Ref: Q87625

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ six (6) sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-9).
- ☒ an International Search Report, Information Disclosure Statement PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ Sequence Listing (5 pages)
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, and a copy of the Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

The Government filing fee, upon consideration of the Preliminary Amendment, is calculated as follows:

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\* The international search fee for all claims was not paid to the USPTO, as the ISA, but the ISR is being submitted herewith.


A check for the statutory filing fee of \$900.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2002-309248	October 24, 2002

Since April 24, 2005 (30 months from the priority date) fell on a Sunday, the submission of these papers on Monday, April 25, 2005 is sufficient for National Stage Entry.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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